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Item	Grade
Introduction (3-5 pages): The Introduction need not be an exhaustive literature review. It should serve to introduce the aspects of the scientific field that are central to the research and to familiarize a non-expert scientist with concepts that are crucial to understanding your research. It identifies the gaps, problems, and issues unresolved by the literature (i.e., provides the reader with a sense of what work has already been done and what needs to be done going forward). It leads to the rationale of the project (usually at the end of this section) and transitions to the next section of the proposal.	/15
Research Question/Hypothesis*: This should be explicit, provable, and non-trivial.	/5
Methods (3 pages, excl. figures): The methods section should clearly describe the specific design of the study and provide a clear and concise description of the procedures that were performed. The purpose of sufficient detail in the methods section is so that an appropriately trained person would be able to replicate the work. Methods are concise & complete, appropriately referenced, and demonstrate understanding of the content and tools of the field.	/10
References: Sources and citations should be used correctly. The style of references is that most common in the field of study (i.e., the reference style of the journal in which the research group most frequently publishes).	/6
Clarity of writing and writing technique: The document is clearly organized, and writing is crisp, clear, and succinct. The writing is appropriate for the target audience. No spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors are made.	/5
Formatting: The page is set up correctly, with 2.5cm margins, page numbering, and 1.5 line spacing. All sections are included.	/4
TOTAL	/45

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